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	A3	Des. 339,419	09/14/1993	Hood et al.	D24	146	
	A4	Des. 340,981	11/02/1993	Hood et al.	D24	146	
	A5	Des. 341,201	11/09/1993	Hood et al.	D24	146	
	A6	Des. 341,202	11/09/1993	Hood et al.	D24	146	
	A7	Des. 342,313	12/14/1993	Hood et al.	D24	146	
	A8	Des. 401,695	11/24/1998	Daftary	D24	155	
	A9	Des. 405,179	02/02/1999	Kirsch et al.	D24	154	
	A10	Des. 410,083	05/18/1999	Broberg et al.	D24	156	
	A11	Des. 414,556	09/28/1999	Broberg et al.	D24	156	
	A12	D446,859	08/21/2001	Hurson	D24	156	
	A13	711,324	10/14/1902	Lacy			
	A14	3,514,858	06/02/1970	Silverman	32	2	
	A15	3,618,212	11/09/1971	Weissman	32	10 A	
	A16	3,643,658	02/22/1972	Steinemann	128	92 D	
	A17	3,726,011	04/10/1973	Savignano	32	10 A	
	A18	3,777,346	12/11/1973	Steinemann	29	180	
	A19	3,919,723	11/18/1975	Heimke et al.	3	1.9	
	A20	3,971,135	07/27/1976	Leu	32	48	
	A21	4,040,129	08/09/1977	Steinemann et al.	3	1.9	
	A22	4,179,810	12/25/1979	Kirsch	433	75	
	A23	4,180,910	01/01/1980	Straumann et al.	433	173	
	A24	4,185,383	01/29/1980	Heimke et al.	433	173	
	A25	4,219,015	08/26/1980	Steinemann	128	92 D	
JW	A26	4,234,309	11/18/1980	Sellers	433	225	
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	A28	4,328,593	05/11/1982	Sutter et al.	3	1.91	
	A29	4,332,036	06/01/1982	Sutter et al.	3	1.91	
	A30	4,388,921	06/21/1983	Sutter et al.	128	92 B	
	A31	4,424,037	01/03/1984	Ogino et al.	433	173	
	A32	4,447,209	05/08/1984	Sutter	433	173	
	A33	4,484,570	11/27/1984	Sutter et al.	128	92 D	
	A34	4,486,178	12/04/1984	Schulte	433	173	
	A35	4,560,353	12/24/1985	Schulte et al.	433	173	
	A36	4,591,483	05/27/1986	Nawaz	420	463	
	A37	4,600,388	07/15/1986	Linkow	433	176	
	A38	4,626,214	12/02/1986	Artal	433	174	
	A39	4,657,510	04/14/1987	Gittleman	433	173	
	A40	4,671,410	06/09/1987	Hansson et al.	206	438	
	A41	4,671,768	06/09/1987	Ton	433	174	
	A42	4,687,443	08/18/1987	Driskell	433	173	
	A43	4,710,075	12/01/1987	Davison	408	202	
	A44	4,714,076	12/22/1987	Comte et al.	128	92 ZW	
	A45	4,722,688	02/02/1988	Lonca	433	173	
	A46	4,731,085	03/15/1988	Koch	623	16	
	A47	4,756,691	07/12/1988	Pilarek	433	177	
	A48	4,758,161	07/19/1988	Niznick	433	173	
	A49	4,759,768	07/26/1988	Hermann et al.	623	21	
	A50	4,772,204	09/20/1988	Söderberg	433	174	
JW	A51	4,793,808	12/27/1988	Kirsch	433	173	
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	A53	4,824,372	04/25/1989	Jörnéus et al.	433	174	
	A54	4,826,434	05/02/1989	Krueger	433	174	
	A55	4,854,872	08/08/1989	Detsch	433	173	
	A56	4,856,648	08/15/1989	Krueger	206	63.5	
	A57	4,856,944	08/15/1989	Reinauer	408	59	
	A58	4,872,839	10/10/1989	Brajnovic	433	173	
	A59	4,875,475	10/24/1989	Comte et al.	128	924 Y	
	A60	4,880,006	11/14/1989	Albrektsson et al.	128	630	
	A61	4,881,897	11/21/1989	Franek et al.	433	169	
	A62	4,906,191	03/06/1990	Söderberg	433	213	
	A63	4,906,420	03/06/1990	Brajnovic et al.	264	17	
	A64	4,917,703	04/17/1990	Albrektsson	623	66	
	A65	4,936,313	06/26/1990	Burkhardt et al.	128	751	
	A66	4,960,381	10/02/1990	Niznick	433	174	
	A67	4,983,184	01/08/1991	Steinemann	623	66	
	A68	4,995,810	02/26/1991	Söderberg	433	141	
	A69	5,000,685	03/19/1991	Brajnovic	433	173	
	A70	5,002,542	03/26/1991	Frigg	606	61	
	A71	5,006,070	04/09/1991	Komatsu	433	176	
	A72	5,019,083	05/28/1991	Klapper et al.	606	99	
	A73	5,022,860	06/11/1991	Lazzara et al.	433	174	
	A74	5,026,285	06/25/1991	Dürr et al.	433	173	
	A75	5,045,054	09/03/1991	Hood et al.	604	22	
JW	A76	5,049,074	09/17/1991	Otani et al.	433	173	
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	A78	5,052,931	10/01/1991	Kirsch	433	173	
	A79	5,061,181	10/29/1991	Niznick	433	174	
	A80	5,061,285	10/29/1991	Koch	623	16	
	A81	5,071,350	12/10/1991	Niznick	433	173	
	A82	5,076,788	12/31/1991	Niznick	433	173	
	A83	5,078,605	01/07/1992	Sutter et al.	433	165	
	A84	5,080,685	01/14/1992	Bolesky et al.	623	23	
	A85	5,100,323	03/31/1992	Friedman et al.	433	173	
	A86	5,106,300	04/21/1992	Voitik	433	173	
	A87	5,116,225	05/26/1992	Riera	433	173	
	A88	5,120,222	06/09/1992	Sulc	433	181	
	A89	5,122,059	06/16/1992	Dürr et al.	433	173	
	A90	5,125,840	06/30/1992	Dürr et al.	433	173	
	A91	5,145,371	09/08/1992	Jörnénus	433	173	
	A92	5,174,755	12/29/1992	Fukuda	433	173	
	A93	5,181,928	01/26/1993	Bolesky et al.	623	23	
	A94	5,190,543	03/02/1993	Schläpfer	606	61	
	A95	5,195,891	03/23/1993	Sulc	433	173	
	A96	5,195,892	03/23/1993	Gersberg	433	174	
	A97	5,196,016	03/23/1993	Buser et al.	606	72	
	A98	5,197,881	03/30/1993	Chalifoux	433	173	
	A99	5,199,873	04/06/1993	Schulte et al.	433	174	
	A100	5,209,659	05/11/1993	Friedman et al.	433	173	
JW	A101	5,209,666	05/11/1993	Balfour et al.	433	173	
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	A104	5,215,460	06/01/1993	Perry	433	75	
	A105	5,238,405	08/24/1993	Marlin	433	173	
	A106	5,246,370	09/21/1993	Coatoam	433	173	
	A107	5,281,140	01/25/1994	Niznick	433	172	
	A108	5,286,195	02/15/1994	Clostermann	433	172	
	A109	5,292,252	03/08/1994	Nickerson et al.	433	173	
	A110	5,295,831	03/22/1994	Patterson et al.	433	141	
	A111	5,302,125	04/12/1994	Kownacki et al.	433	172	
	A112	5,302,126	04/12/1994	Wimmer et al.	433	173	
	A113	5,306,149	04/26/1994	Schmid et al.	433	173	
	A114	5,312,253	05/17/1994	Chalifoux	433	173	
	A115	5,312,403	05/17/1994	Frigg	606	54	
	A116	5,318,570	06/07/1994	Hood et al.	606	99	
	A117	5,322,443	06/21/1994	Beaty	433	141	
	A118	5,324,297	06/28/1994	Hood et al.	606	99	
	A119	5,328,371	07/12/1994	Hund et al.	433	173	
	A120	5,334,024	08/02/1994	Niznick	433	173	
	A121	5,344,457	09/06/1994	Pilliar et al.	623	16	
	A122	5,362,234	11/08/1994	Salazar et al.	433	169	
	A123	5,362,237	11/08/1994	Chalifoux	433	220	
	A124	5,368,443	11/29/1994	Turkia et al.	416	184	
	A125	5,368,480	11/29/1994	Balfour et al.	433	141	
JW	A126	5,368,483	11/29/1994	Sutter et al.	433	173	
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	A129	5,403,136	04/04/1995	Mathys	411	310	
	A130	5,417,570	05/23/1995	Zuest et al.	433	177	
	A131	5,433,607	07/18/1995	Schmid et al.	433	173	
	A132	5,437,551	08/01/1995	Chalifoux	433	173	
	A133	5,447,434	09/05/1995	Shaw	433	173	
	A134	5,449,291	09/12/1995	Lueschen et al.	433	173	
	A135	5,452,219	09/19/1995	Dehoff et al.	364	474.05	
	A136	5,456,723	10/10/1995	Steinemann et al.	623	16	
	A137	5,468,150	11/21/1995	Brammann	433	173	
	A138	5,502,087	03/26/1996	Tateosian et al.	523	115	
	A139	5,520,689	05/28/1996	Schläpfer et al.	606	61	
	A140	5,554,028	09/10/1996	Hare et al.	433	214	
	A141	5,562,448	10/08/1996	Mushabac	433	215	
	A142	5,562,733	10/08/1996	Weissbach et al.	623	16	
	A143	5,564,921	10/15/1996	Marlin	433	172	
	A144	5,567,155	10/22/1996	Hansen	433	172	
	A145	5,569,035	10/29/1996	Balfour et al.	433	165	
	A146	5,571,188	11/05/1996	Ellingsen et al.	623	16	
	A147	5,588,838	12/31/1996	Hansson et al.	433	173	
	A148	5,605,457	02/25/1997	Bailey et al.	433	174	
	A149	5,607,304	03/04/1997	Bailey et al.	433	174	
	A150	5,626,227	05/06/1997	Wagner et al.	206	369	
JW	A151	5,628,630	05/13/1997	Misch et al.	433	174	
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	A154	5,667,384	09/16/1997	Sutter et al.	433	172	
	A155	5,674,072	10/07/1997	Moser et al.	433	173	
	A156	5,674,244	10/07/1997	Mathys	606	208	
	A157	5,678,995	10/21/1997	Kirsch et al.	433	169	
	A158	5,688,123	11/18/1997	Meiers et al.	433	173	
	A159	5,695,335	12/09/1997	Haas et al.	433	173	
	A160	5,725,377	03/10/1998	Lemler et al.	433	173	
	A161	5,730,598	03/24/1998	Story et al.	433	201.1	
	A162	5,733,122	03/31/1998	Gordon	433	172	
	A163	5,733,123	03/31/1998	Blacklock et al.	433	173	
	A164	5,734,113	03/31/1998	Vogt et al.	73	862.23	
	A165	5,741,253	04/21/1998	Michelson	606	61	
	A166	5,749,731	05/12/1998	Morgan et al.	433	173	
	A167	5,752,830	05/19/1998	Suarez	433	173	
	A168	5,752,831	05/19/1998	Padros-Fradera	433	173	
	A169	5,755,574	05/26/1998	D'Alise	433	173	
	A170	5,755,807	05/26/1998	Anstaett et al.	623	23	
	A171	5,759,033	06/02/1998	Elia	433	173	
	A172	5,759,034	06/02/1998	Daftary	433	173	
	A173	5,762,541	06/09/1998	Heath et al.	451	48	
	A174	5,766,009	06/16/1998	Jeffcoat	433	173	
	A175	5,779,480	07/14/1998	Groll et al.	433	173	
JW	A176	5,782,637	07/21/1998	Cosenza	433	173	
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	A179	5,810,589	09/22/1998	Michnick et al.	433	169	
	A180	5,820,374	10/13/1998	Simmons et al.	433	173	
	A181	5,823,776	10/20/1998	Duerr et al.	433	173	
	A182	5,823,777	10/20/1998	Misch et al.	433	174	
	A183	5,827,062	10/27/1998	Driskell et al.	433	173	
	A184	5,829,977	11/03/1998	Rogers et al.	433	172	
	A185	5,829,981	11/03/1998	Ziegler	433	214	
	A186	5,836,768	11/17/1998	Hüskens et al.	433	173	
	A187	5,842,865	12/01/1998	Bassett et al.	433	174	
	A188	5,858,253	01/12/1999	Holm	210	702	
	A189	5,865,622	02/02/1999	Aleksey	433	177	
	A190	5,871,504	02/16/1999	Eaton et al.	606	232	
	A191	5,882,200	03/16/1999	Sutter et al.	433	173	
	A192	5,888,218	03/30/1999	Folsom	623	16	
	A193	5,899,940	05/04/1999	Carchidi et al.	623	16	
	A194	5,904,483	05/18/1999	Wade	433	173	
	A195	5,906,488	05/25/1999	Kvarnström	433	116	
	A196	5,915,968	06/29/1999	Kirsch et al.	433	173	
	A197	5,927,979	07/27/1999	Misch et al.	433	173	
	A198	5,931,674	08/03/1999	Hanosh et al.	433	173	
	A199	5,938,444	08/17/1999	Hansson et al.	433	174	
	A200	5,938,446	08/17/1999	Andersson et al.	433	223	
JW	A201	5,944,526	08/31/1999	Liu	433	176	
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	A203	5,947,734	09/07/1999	Hanel	433	173	
	A204	5,951,287	09/14/1999	Hawkinson	433	173	
	A205	5,951,288	09/14/1999	Sawa	433	173	
	A206	5,952,399	09/14/1999	Rentsch	523	116	
	A207	5,954,504	09/21/1999	Misch et al.	433	174	
	A208	5,954,505	09/21/1999	Ford	433	177	
	A209	5,961,329	10/05/1999	Stucki-McCormick	433	173	
	A210	5,975,902	11/02/1999	Emmanuel	433	173	
	A211	5,979,643	11/09/1999	Blonder et al.	206	63.5	
	A212	5,984,680	11/16/1999	Rogers	433	173	
	A213	5,989,028	11/23/1999	Niznick	433	173	
	A214	5,989,029	11/23/1999	Osorio et al.	433	173	
	A215	5,993,211	11/30/1999	Broberg	433	172	
	A216	5,993,214	11/30/1999	Persson	433	223	
	A217	6,007,337	12/28/1999	Bauer	433	173	
	A218	6,033,218	03/07/2000	Bergström et al.	433	72	
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	A220	6,039,568	03/21/2000	Hinds	433	175	
	A221	6,045,361	04/04/2000	Misch et al.	433	214	
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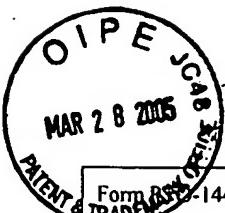
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